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Applicant: Fitzpatrick et al.

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METHODS OF USING THE SAME

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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116**

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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Final Office Action dated January 3, 2005, concerning the above-referenced patent application. Applicants enclose a petition for an extension of time to make this response timely.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 3 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows.

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